



The 110th Congress  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Stephen Johnson  
Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Johnson:

I am writing regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking "Regulating Greenhouse Gas Emissions under the Clean Air Act." I am opposed to any attempt to impose greenhouse gas regulations under the Clean Air Act on the agricultural industry. Doing so could result in crippling regulatory and financial problems for many of my constituents. Taxation and permit fees would likely result in some agricultural related businesses going bankrupt and increased costs being passed on to the consumer.

As you know, most agricultural emissions are the result of natural processes, with some additional from fertilizer distribution and thus should not be regulated like heavy industries. Given the nature of the emissions, any attempt to limit them would most certainly result in less production. In addition, the difficulties with implementing a means to control and limit emissions would be daunting and costly, especially to Alabama's small farmers. The authors of the Clean Air Act did not intend for the legislation to be so far-reaching as to apply to such natural and biological processes.

I am opposed to a regulatory expansion of this scope, and I maintain that any proposed policy changes of this type should be subject to Congressional review. I urge you to not impose greenhouse gas emission regulations on America's vitally important agricultural industry, either now or during the next administration.

Sincerely,

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